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ABSTRACT

In this 3-tape series and viewing guide, first-grade teacher Debbie Miller takes viewers beyond comprehension instruction, and shows how she sustains a primary reading program that challenges and supports readers of all abilities and needs. The viewing guide is designed to help facilitators use "Happy Reading" on workshop settings. The plans provided in the guide are flexible, allowing the facilitator to tailor the suggestions to the needs of the group. Tapes are entitled: (1) Essentials: Tone, Structure, and Routines for Creating and Sustaining a Learning Community (time 38:30); (2) Explicit Teaching: Portraits from Readers' Workshop (time 24:00); and (3) Wise Choices: Independence and Instruction in Book Choice (time 37:08). Ten figures are included; an appendix contains segment title and cueing information for the three tapes. Suggestions for each tape have been divided into four sections: note-taking strategies while viewing; questions for discussion; suggestions for workshop activities; and readings from "Reading with Meaning," the companion text from Debbie Miller that can be used with the video series. (NKA)

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